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U.S. Has 'Worst Complex,' Te Deum Told

The United States government has the "worst inferiority complex of any government in the world," John J. Mitchell of Washington, D. C. declared before a Te Deum meeting in St. Patrick's hall last night. He said that since 1947 everything done by the government to face the menace of communism has been done defensively.

Mr. Mitchell, a lawyer, lecturer and former employe of several governmental agencies including the Central Intelligence Agency, spoke out sharply against the attitudes and practices of American educators and most leaders in the matter of educating the public about communism.

After carefully pointing out that he was not speaking as a representative of any church or governmental group, but as a private citizen, he said that no education concerning communism can be carried on without religious education.

"The historic separation of church and state is all wrong," he asserted in asking support for a bill now before Congress. The bill is designed to set up an elaborate presidential commission which would study and supervise the ultimate setting up of plans for placing communism on the curriculum of schools.

"The commission would operate in a fish bowl for all to watch," Mr. Mitchell pointed out. "There would be no political or other outside influence to pressure such activities," he said of the proposal which is designed to fight the communist menace by teaching the nation the truth about it.

Boys of the St. Teresa High School graduating class were guests of the Te Deum members at the dinner and lecture.

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